

## UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Fors et al. GROUP ART UNIT: 2139  
APPLN. NO.: 10/739,354 EXAMINER: Young, Nicole M  
FILED: December 18, 2003 Confirmation No.: 9648  
TITLE: Upper Layer Security Based on Lower Layer Keying

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed December 31, 2007 concerning the above-identified application. A Petition for Extension of Time to respond, with fee authorization, is submitted concurrently herewith. This reply is provided in response to the Office Action in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.111. Applicant submits the following amendment and remarks and respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the rejections made in the Office Action and to allow the claims to issue.

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.